UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Commodity Futures Trading Commission,)
Plaintiff)
v.) Case No. 20-3758
Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc., James A. Donelson, Timothy M. Evans, Jeremy S. Ruth, and Andrew D. Nelson,) Hon. Thomas A. Durkin
Defendants.)

DECLARATION OF JOSEPH PLATT IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1748, I, Joseph Platt, state:

- I am employed by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") as a Trial Attorney in the Division of Enforcement.
- 2. I have appeared as an attorney on behalf of the Commission in the case *CFTC v*. *Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. et al.*, No. 20-3758 (N.D. Ill.).
- 3. Ashley Burden has also appeared as an attorney on behalf of the Commission in the case *CFTC v. Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. et al.*, No. 20-3758 (N.D. Ill.).
- 4. Andrew May has appeared as an attorney on behalf of Defendant Jeremy Ruth in the case *CFTC v. Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. et al.*, No. 20-3758 (N.D. Ill.).
- 5. A true and accurate copy of the Commission's first set of interrogatories served on Defendant Jeremy Ruth is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 6. A true and accurate copy of a November 30, 2020 email from Ashley Burden to Andrew May and others is attached as Exhibit 2.

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7. A true and accurate copy of a December 1, 2020 email from Joseph Platt to

Andrew May and others is attached as Exhibit 3.

8. A true and accurate copy of the Commission's revised notice of Tony Klancic's

deposition is attached as Exhibit 4.

9. A true and accurate copy of a January 6, 2021 email from Ashley Burden to

Andrew May is attached as Exhibit 5.

10. A true and accurate copy of a January 8, 2021 email from Ashley Burden to

Andrew May is attached as Exhibit 6.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my

knowledge.

Dated: January 8, 2021

/s/ Joseph C. Platt

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Defendants)	
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PLAINTIFF CFTC'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANT RUTH

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33(a), Plaintiff Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), hereby serves the following interrogatories upon Defendant Jeremy Ruth. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33(b)(2), Mr. Ruth's responses to these interrogatories are due December 30, 2020.

- 1. Describe the testimony you¹ expect Anthony Klancic to provide in support of your defenses to, or which tend to disprove or debut, the CFTC's claims in the above-captioned action.
- 2. Explain what testimony you expect Mr. Klancic to provide with respect to your "client interactions" which will support your defenses to, or which tend to disprove or debut, the CFTC's claims in the above-captioned action.
- 3. Explain what testimony you expect Mr. Klancic to provide with respect to your role at Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc., which will support your defenses to, or which tend to disprove or debut, the CFTC's claims in the above-captioned action.
- 4. Identify and describe any communication between you and Mr. Klancic, or to which you and Mr. Klancic were parties, that support your defenses to, or which tend to disprove or debut, the CFTC's claims in the above-captioned action.

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¹ "You" shall refer to Defendant Ruth or any agent thereof.

- 5. Describe the testimony you expect Mr. Klancic to provide relating to representations or omissions by you to customers or prospective customers relating to Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. ("Long Leaf").
- 6. Describe the testimony you expect Mr. Klancic to provide relating to your knowledge or understanding of trading results for customers of Long Leaf.

/s/ Ashley J. Burden

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From: <u>Burden, Ashley</u>

To: May, Andrew S. (AMay@hinshawlaw.com)

Cc: "adnelson0503@gmail.com"; "Jim Falvey" (jimfalvey@yahoo.com); Patrick, Joseph J; Streit, Elizabeth M.; Platt,

Joseph

Subject: CFTC v. Long Leaf

Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 3:02:33 PM
Attachments: 2020.11.30 First Interrogatories to Ruth.pdf

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Andrew:

Please find attached the CFTC's first set of interrogatories to Mr. Ruth. Please advise if you agree to accept service via email of these interrogatories and other future discovery requests. If you agree to do so, the CFTC will of course reciprocate.

Thanks,

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From: Platt, Joseph

To: "Jim Falvey"; "May, Andrew S."; "adnelson0503@gmail.com"
Cc: Streit, Elizabeth M.; Burden, Ashley; Patrick, Joseph J

Subject: RE: CFTC v. Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. et al., No. 20 C 3578 (N.D. III.) || Klancic deposition

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 4:55:00 PM
Attachments: Klancic revised notice of deposition.pdf

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Attached is a revised notice of deposition concerning Tony Klancic. Mr. Klancic has confirmed he is available on January 15, 2021.

We will circulate videoconference log-in credentials in advance of the deposition.

Thanks, Jody

From: Platt, Joseph

Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 11:16 AM

To: 'Jim Falvey' <jimfalvey@yahoo.com>; 'May, Andrew S.' <AMay@hinshawlaw.com>; 'adnelson0503@gmail.com' <adnelson0503@gmail.com>

Cc: Streit, Elizabeth M. <estreit@CFTC.GOV>; Burden, Ashley <ABurden@CFTC.gov>; Patrick, Joseph J <jpatrick@cftc.gov>

Subject: CFTC v. Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. et al., No. 20 C 3578 (N.D. Ill.) | Klancic deposition

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Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30 and 45, I am attaching (i) a copy of the document subpoena the CFTC intends to serve on Anthony Klancic and (ii) a notice of deposition concerning Mr. Klancic. We assume all agree to proceed with Mr. Klancic's deposition via videoconference, given the COVID-19-related restrictions presently in place in Illinois.

Regards, Jody Platt



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REVISED NOTICE OF DEPOSITION

Plaintiff Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") gives notice that it will take the deposition of Anthony Klancic on January 15, 2021, beginning at 9:00 am, pursuant to the Rule 45 deposition subpoena issued to Mr. Klancic. According to Defendant Jeremy Ruth's Rule 26(a) disclosures, Mr. Klancic's current address is 802 Aspen Drive, Lombard, IL.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CFTC intends to conduct the deposition via videoconference (using an application such as Webex or Zoom) and will circulate access credentials to all parties by email in advance of the deposition. Mr. Klancic's deposition testimony will be recorded by stenographic and audiovisual means.

The CFTC has also directed a Rule 45 subpoena for documents to Mr. Klancic, which requests the following categories of documents:

- All documents reflecting communications between [Mr. Klancic] and Jeremy Ruth related to Long Leaf Trading, including but not limited to emails and text messages.
- All documents related to Long Leaf Trading.

Dated: December 1, 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 1, 2020, I served the attached notice of deposition on all parties by email:

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To: May, Andrew S. (AMay@hinshawlaw.com)
Cc: Patrick, Joseph J; Streit, Elizabeth M.; Platt, Joseph

Subject: RE: CFTC v. Long Leaf

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:49:06 AM Attachments: 2020.11.30 First Interrogatories to Ruth.pdf

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Andrew:

We haven't received a response to the interrogatories we sent on 11/30. The responses were due 12/30, so they are about a week late. We need the responses for the Klancic deposition (the deposition of Mr. May's only 26(a)(1) witness), which is scheduled for 1/15. Please advise when we can expect to receive them and why they are late.

Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 3:03 PM

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: RE: RE: RE: CFTC v. Long Leaf Trading Group, Inc. et al. | notice of deposition of B.

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Date: Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:57:59 PM

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Andrew:

Thanks for the call, glad we finally got to connect. Per our chat, you are planning to file a motion to withdraw this evening or tomorrow. The CFTC has no basis to oppose the motion. You explained that you are not in a position to help respond to the outstanding ROGs because you do not have the information, and gallantly declined to elaborate on the basis of AC privilege. As such, we plan to file our motion to compel against Mr. Ruth tomorrow. Please advise if I have misstated any of the foregoing.

Thanks,

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From: Burden, Ashley

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That's because you called my office number instead of my cell like I asked. I will call you in 2 minutes with my colleague Jody Platt.



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Ashley,

My call ran long. Can you talk now? I tried you from my car but got VM.

ASM

Andrew S. May

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Yes. Please call me at 4 on the cell below. Jody, I will dial you in.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 2:43 PM

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Ashley,

I'm free after 4:00 today. Does that work for any of you?

ASM

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Andrew:

You haven't given me a time to talk, and I haven't had a call from you. This is my attempt to meetand-confer, so you can expect our motion to compel to be filed tomorrow.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:26 PM

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What time please.



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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:24 PM

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Ashley,

I will call you tomorrow.

ASM

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Andrew:

It looks like March 29th is going to work for everyone so hold that date please and we will send around a revised subpoena and dep notice.

Also, you have not responded to our email about your client's late rog responses. Be advised we are going to file a motion to compel on Friday unless we get them.

Thanks,

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Jody,

Sorry for the delay, but I just responded to Asley's email that I am UNAVAILABLE on the 26th. I am good the following week.

ASM

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Counsel and Mr. Nelson -

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Best regards, Jody



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